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**HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY**  
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Location: 15 Lincoln Street, Robertsdale, Huntingdon County, Pa.

History and Description: On August 29, 1890, the coal company transferred the deed for a 100' x 60' lot at the end of what is now Church Street, to the congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The wood-frame edifice was constructed soon thereafter, and sometime prior to 1926 a large wing was added to the main block. Aside from repairs and redecoration, the church remains virtually unaltered today. The church was served by pastors from nearby Saxton and Dudley, until 1921, when Robertsdale was assigned its own pastor. At that time, the congregation bought a parcel of land on Lincoln Street from the East Broad Top Railroad, and erected a large, Colonial Revival-style parsonage. This parsonage, at 15 Lincoln St., is virtually unaltered.

Project Information and Sources: This report was part of a larger project to document the Rockhill Iron and Coal Company towns of Robertsdale and Woodvale in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. The project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), Robert Kapsch, chief, at the request of America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP). For an overview history of the towns that provides the significance and context for this building as well as a comprehensive list of sources see HABS Nos. PA-5553, PA-5484, and PA-5485. See also additional HABS reports on buildings in each town.

Project historian Lola Bennett completed the research and writing for this project during summer 1989 under the direction of Alison K. Hoagland, senior HABS historian. Bennett's work was published as The Company Towns of the Rockhill Iron and Coal Company: Robertsdale and Woodvale, Pennsylvania (Washington, D.C.: HABS/HAER, National Park Service, 1990). Illustrations in the publication include 35mm photographs taken by Bennett; large-format photographs taken by HAER photographer Jet Lowe; and historic photographs from the collections of Thomas L. Matthews, Kenneth Morgan, Ron Morgan, and the Huntingdon County Historical Society. The publication was compiled and edited by HABS historians Kim E. Wallace and Sara Amy Leach. Contemporary 35mm and historic photographs used in the publication as well as other miscellaneous research materials were transmitted to the AIHP collection at Stapleton Library, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pa.